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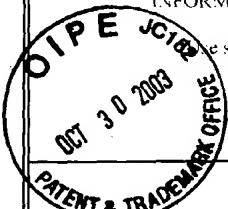
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	Ref	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF
	US	5,176,579	1/93	OHSONO et al.	474	1	
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